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EIGHTH YEAR.

JOHNSON CITY, TENN., THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 26, 1891.

WHOLE NO. 396.

BRING THE WORKS HERE.

We have the Raw Material in Abundance.

And Our Facilities for Shipments are First Class.

Cambridgeport Town Mills Closed by High Raw Material.

The Gilmore-Eustis rolling mills in Cambridgeport discontinued operations today, and will not resume. Mr. Eustis, the junior partner, asserts that the high cost of the raw material, added to excessive freights to the West and South, have ruined his business.

"There was a time," he said today, "when iron rails were plentiful and we could buy them at a fair price. But every railroad corporation in this country now uses steel rails, and if we get any iron rails we have to buy them abroad. The last lot we bought cost us \$672 a ton duty in addition to the price we paid for the rails themselves. This was when the same rails could not be bought in this country at any price."

"We are just as badly off in the matter of pig iron. There's a high duty on that, too. If we buy pig iron abroad we have to pay this duty, and if we buy it in Pennsylvania or Tennessee we have to pay exorbitant rates for freight. There's no chance for the iron industry in New England under the present conditions."

The Cambridge Rolling Mills were erected in 1868 by Edward Page & Co., who carried on the business of rolling Norway iron, which was used in manufacturing shoe nails. Later the business changed to the working of short iron bars. In 1879 the plant was leased by Houdlett, Ellis & Co., and the present owners bought it a year later.

The works employed about seventy men.—New York World.

Why can the Cambridgeport Iron Mills not be induced to come and locate in Johnson City, the center of the Bessemer iron district of the south. The iron, the coke and coal would be on either side of them. There would be no freight to pay. They could have choice of ores—magnetic, brown hematite, red hematite or chrome.

They would be located on two trunk lines and would have the advantage of the various terminal lines in getting their supplies. The great 8-C's is very soon to be completed to the vast coal fields, and by the time they could erect their mills they would have advantage of a new coke supply. It is as plain as day that with our superior advantages any grade of iron can be manufactured here at a reduction with which no other place can compete.

There is no place in the South that offers the splendid advantages to iron manufacturers that is offered here at Johnson City, East Tennessee.

If the Cambridgeport Iron Mills Company will bring their plant to this place a site will be given them gratis. The Carnegie blast furnace of this place and the immense furnace at Embreeville, fourteen miles distant, can furnish the mills with all supplies necessary for its healthy existences as well as to supply many other industries of like nature.

East Tennessee is the place for the iron industries henceforth, and Johnson City is the center where its rich deposits of coal and iron can most easily be brought together.

THE FLORIDA VESTIBULE TRAIN.

To be Inaugurated Next Sunday, Nov. 29, by the E. T. V. & G.

The first regular vestibule train ever run through Tennessee will be put on next Sunday. The train will consist of mail car, Southern Express car, baggage car, two day coaches and one or more Pullman sleepers. The train will be vestibuled from end to end and will be described exactly in the Times. It will be run regularly every day between Chattanooga and St. Augustine, Fla., by the East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia Road.

The train will leave Cincinnati next

Sunday 11:30 a. m., and leave Chattanooga at 10:40 p. m., arriving at Atlanta 3:45 a. m., Macon 6:45 a. m., Jessup 12 noon, Jacksonville 3:55 p. m. and St. Augustine 5:30 p. m., only sixteen hours from Chattanooga to the Ponce de Leon.

The time made by this palatial train will be over four hours quicker than at present between Chattanooga and St. Augustine. Returning it will leave St. Augustine 8:10 a. m., Jacksonville, 9:50 a. m., Macon 7:20 p. m., Atlanta 10:50 p. m., arrive at Chattanooga 4 a. m.; leave 4:10 a. m., arrive Cincinnati 5:50 p. m. This is the vestibuled train the East Tennessee has promised, and if you want to see something gorgeous go to the Central Depot next Sunday night at 10 o'clock.—Chattanooga Times, Nov. 22.

A PEANUT PARTY.

An Enjoyable Evening at the Residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Lide.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Lide, assisted by Mrs. R. N. Penland, gave a Peanut Party at their home on Myrtle avenue, Tuesday evening.

A large number of invited guests enjoyed the hospitalities and entertainment of their kind host and hostess. It was an evening of social pleasures, of music and refreshments. Supper was served about 9:30, and there was everything that was pleasant and refreshing to the party.

A peanut party is a somewhat peculiar diversion from the usual social amusements. Each guest is provided with a souvenir bag, and the peanuts are hid in different parts of the house. A search is instituted by all present, and whoever is successful in finding the required amount first, is awarded a present provided for the purpose.

J. W. Crumley was the successful contestant, and he was accordingly awarded a handsome gold pen. The presentation speech was made by Miss Margie Miller and was well suited to the occasion.

The social circle scarcely witnesses a more pleasant and enjoyable evening than was spent by the following parties who were present as invited guests: Misses Martha Wilder, Margie Miller, Neil Miller, Jennie Crumley, Sophia Faucette, Fannie Nugent, Fannie Berkley, Eva Wilson, Effie Wood, Bettie Lyle, Cora Brown, of Afton; Ida Reeves, of Jonesboro; and Clyde Worth, of Creston, N. C. Messrs. J. W. Crumley, H. W. Lyle, Frank B. St. John, John Yocum, W. F. Martin, Jr., T. E. Hurst, B. F. Childress, R. S. Boyd, John Jones, Chas. Wofford, F. P. Burch and J. F. Crumley.

The Situation.

The citizens of our sister town, Johnson City, are elated over the prospect of the 8-C's railroad getting on its feet again. It is said that the bondholders have finally agreed on an adjustment of matters, and will lift one-half of the indebtedness of the road. The remainder will be arranged for. We are truly glad to hear that the prospects for the completion of this important line of road are so bright. While we are for Bristol and her interests first, last and all the time, we are not so selfish but that we can rejoice at the prospects and prosperity of other towns in this section. There is plenty of room and opportunities for all. God speed the day when every town in this favored section shall grow and flourish as the green bay tree.—Bristol News.

A Change of Plurality.

A mistake in the official returns of Hancock county, Ohio, has been discovered which gives McKinley a plurality of 21,511 instead of 21,501, as reported in yesterday's COMET. This changed the Enquirer's \$100 guessing premium from Mr. Rooney (possibly a brother of Annie) to Fred Doerr, of Cincinnati, he having guessed within two of the exact plurality.

The New York Symphony Club appeared before a large audience in Music Hall. Such artists as appeared yesterday deserved the compliment of a full house. It is an organization of a high quality of artistic merit. The violin playing extraordinary of Mr. Charles F. Higgins won for him the most enthusiastic appreciation. This man is no mere violin player. Such music as came from that violin was drawn by a hand of virtuos powers. The clarinet playing of Mr. Cornelius was very fine indeed.—Cincinnati, (O.) Times-Star.

KILLED BY HUNDREDS.

Destructive Earthquake in Japan.

Immense Buildings Tumble to the Ground.

Fleeing People Caught in the Ruins—Story of the Catastrophe.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 25.—These details have been received of a Japan earthquake of October 28th: The up and down trains on the Tokaido railway were just meeting at Gifu station, the center of the disturbance, when the first shock occurred. The shock was accompanied by a rumbling sound, and it was so violent that the people on the trains thought a collision had occurred. On looking out of the windows, however, they beheld the station in ruins. Some of the passengers made their way into Gifu and found immense heaps of ruins.

Many of the houses had fallen while others were so shattered that the succeeding tremors of the earth threw them to the ground. In almost every house some unfortunate was buried and the chances of escape were diminished greatly by the conflagrations in many places. The railway line was too much damaged to allow of the moving of trains and passengers were accordingly compelled to make their way on foot to the neighboring towns. The roads were found to be almost impassable by fissures and landslides.

The town of Kans was found to be wholly in ruins, not a house remaining standing. Kassamatsu suffered a like fate, every dwelling being a mass of debris. Everywhere the survivors were digging out the dead and wounded and fighting against the conflagration on all sides.

At Ichinomya and Kisoyasu the people managed to save a few mats and were preparing to pass the night in the fields.

Throughout the day and night the work of carrying the wounded to Nagoya proceeded, a continual stream of bearers passing along the railway, which was the only available route.

The inhabitants of the ruined town say that the first sensation was that the houses were being raised and then suddenly lowered two or three feet. In fact there was a marked subsidence of the earth's surface for a considerable area about Gifu, which latter town was the centre of the disturbance. Very soon after the houses were thrown down and, while hundreds of people were buried in the debris, flames burst from the ruins of the silk factory and in a short time spread to such an extent that the citizens were compelled to discontinue their work of rescue.

The conflagration burned out in one direction, but three other fires broke out, and soon joined together, sweeping from street to street, and fanned by a strong wind. This was at two o'clock in the afternoon, and by eight o'clock in the evening, almost every part of the town of Gifu was wrapped in flames, and the inhabitants had abandoned all hope of staying the conflagration, saving what articles they could, and fleeing to the woods and hills.

The police, aided by the normal school students and the prisoners in jail, fought the fire all night but it was not subdued until the forenoon of the next day, when almost the whole town had been burned over.

The potteries in the prefectures of Owari and Mino, great centres in porcelain manufacture in Japan, and those at Seto and other towns were almost entirely destroyed and it is reported that there is no prospect of resuming their industry this year. The shock was so severe that scarcely a sound house is left standing with the exception of the castle.

The Gobo temple, belonging to the Buddhists was crowded with worshippers when it fell. Burying at least fifty people. The ruins took fire and shrieking victims were consumed before the eyes of the horrified onlookers. A slight shock was felt at Nagoya on the night of Sunday October 25th.

On Wednesday morning while forty christians were assembled in one of the buildings of the Methodist school, the structure began to totter and worshippers fled. One christian and his wife were killed, and two Japanese were fatally injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Vandyke and other white persons were dangerously hurt. Out of doors the city was in an uproar. Wild shrieks and indescribable noises filled the air, while every few moments came terrible thunder from the angry earth. Many streets were blocked with fallen houses and others were choked with fleeing people. A thread factory and a large brick building caved in, killing hundreds of persons, but the old castle, despite its four hundred years, stood firm. Loss of life in three towns, which go to make up the city of Nagoya, is estimated at from 750 to 1,000.

Up to the morning of Friday October 30, 358 distinct shocks were reported, following that of Wednesday. As the wounded were brought into the city from the surrounding towns, the reports continued of the lives lost, damage done and stirring incidents. Reports were also received of fissures in the earth two feet wide and several feet deep, railway rails twisted, iron bridges and river embankments sunk or crumbled and fields flooded.

A lake 600 yards long and sixty yards wide was formed at the foot of the Hukusan mountain, in the Gifu prefecture, and cracks were formed in the grounds beside the hills Gifu. Water sprang from the cracks in the ground, and the water in the wells was changed in color to a brownish tint and was rendered unfit for drinking. The embankments of most of the rivers was destroyed and in the city prefecture 350 miles of embankment must be rebuilt.

PERSONALS.

Mayor Jobe has returned from Nashville.

Dr. J. S. Stewart was up from Jonesboro yesterday.

Mrs. Ida Peoples is visiting her sister Mrs. W. G. Mathes.

Rev. T. B. Russell went down the road yesterday morning.

P. E. Chenoweth went away yesterday to be gone a week.

Dr. Berry, the express agent, went down to Newport yesterday.

Frank George has severed his connection with the Citizens Bank.

F. K. Mountcastle went down to Mossy Creek yesterday morning.

Dr. Hunter and Dr. Alexander were down from Elizabethton yesterday.

Hon. A. A. Taylor came over from his Chucky Valley home yesterday.

J. D. Lyon, one of Telford's enterprising merchants, was in the city yesterday.

Rev. Dr. T. C. Carter, of Chattanooga, passed through the city yesterday.

Mrs. Charlie Campbell went to Greene county yesterday to pay a visit to relatives.

Sam P. Ivins has tided Houk over, rolled down his sleeves, and is once more among us.

C. M. Harris, the new proprietor of the Piedmont, went to Big Stone Gap, Va., this morning.

John Sanders, the lumber dealer, went up the E. T. & W. N. C. road yesterday morning.

John Clark, jailer at Abingdon, Va., came down yesterday in company with his sister and his niece.

Miss Ida Reeves, of Jonesboro, after a weeks visit to Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Lide returned to her home yesterday morning.

G. M. Beall, who was here as the agent of Prof. Holbrook, left yesterday morning for Morristown and Middlesborough.

A. C. Jenkins, the popular traveling agent of the Knoxville Sentinel is in the city. He paid this office a welcome call last night.

A. B. Bowman went down to Greeneville yesterday to attend the funeral of Hon. W. A. Allen, the deceased internal revenue collector.

James Henry, of Broylesville, was in the city yesterday and gladdened this office with his presence. He is one of THE COMET's best patrons.

Rose Osborne has a strong company. You should see her.

A WAYWARD SON.

He Read the Flaming Adventures of the James Gang,

And was Bent on Entering the Wide World to do Likewise.

A Washington County Boy Lured into the Paths that Lead to Prison.

Occasionally there leaps to light an evidence of the influence of the bad example of the James boys.

Authors have taken advantage of the wonderful and daring adventures of these peerless robbers and desperadoes and cast them into the weird form of romantic stories, inviting the attention of the young. By many, these stories are read only as a matter of diversion. The pages are scanned, the daring exploits of those terrors in human flesh are noted with an absorbing interest for the time being, but when duty calls from diversion the picture vanishes and the man who is established in honesty and well-doing receives no bias to evil from the pastime he has spent in the company of men whose hands are crimson with the blood of innocent people.

But there is a class of individuals whose proneness to evil doing is aided and abetted by the study of such pictures as the novelists are wont to draw of the James gang and the noted desperados of the world. In fact there are those whose earliest visions accord with such a life, and they picture for their manhood laurels from sanguinary fields of daring exploits on the way to "fame" and fortune. They have a peculiar and growing ambition to satisfy. They are eager for such literature as strengthens and lifts them up in the winding course of their earliest visions. They follow the pen of the imaginative novelist, and as they read, each thought fastens itself on the heart and reflects its image on the wayward soul. Deeper and deeper they go. They study what they conceive to be the strong points in their proposed profession as reflected in the lives of the intrepid schemers whose course has excited the imagination of the magazine contributor.

When they have become fully informed, when they have imbibed to overflowing, when the whole system has become infused and leaking at every pore, then it is that they bid good-bye forever to the noble aspirations of childhood, depart from the parental roof and go out into the wide world under the mask of a desperado. Behind is the once happy home, the meadows fresh and green, the rippling waters of the crystal brook, the shadow of the church tower, the deserted arena of moral combat—all that is in the realm of high social, moral and religious life is cast away into the fathomless night of a starless past. They go, never again to meet on terms of parity the associates of their youth.

Strange as it may seem, almost in our own midst, where the influence of church and college has been in the forefront in shaping the destinies of our young men, we have a case of contorted human principles in a young man of excellent parentage. For the last few years he has been reading and training himself in accordance with the fascinating history of the James gang. He has failed to take in consideration the fact that most young men of similar proclivity have undertaken to act the history of the James gang and grow rich from their plunder only to find themselves foiled in the first attempt and lodged in prison to pass a life of solitary confinement and misery, bringing shame and degradation to parents who vain would have seen their sons on the high road to honorable distinction.

It is only a few days since the young man in question took from his father's stable a horse, and declaring his intentions to join the "royal league" of midnight robbers, rode away, the peace and happiness of his home lost in the romantic dreams of a weird life of systematic plunder. The last that was heard of him he had just been released from the custody of a sheriff

in North Carolina. He was being held there for the arrival of his father, but the message reached the father too late, and the boy is now roaming in still a wider latitude. The father returned this week from a fruitless search for his wayward son.

The boy had been dealt with too mildly by indulgent parents while at home. On former occasions he had shown signs of such a life, but when he should have been rebuked with a cowhide lash, he was upheld and protected by the innate affection of his parents.

Whether in his adventure he will be successful, whether he will crown himself with the laurels of blood money, remains to be seen.

In all probability if he has the courage to stand up for his purposes, he will be caught in the act, and the aspirations of his evil nature will be forced to revel in narrow confines.

At all events it may be safely said that the standard of "Jamesism" will not rise to sublime heights in the province of his ungainly conquest.

N. B. R.

A Magnificent Opening.

Yesterday was J. C. Rogan & Co.'s opening day, and their store, which is known as the Johnson City Notion and Novelty Store, was crowded with visitors. A more magnificent display could not be conceived. It was Christmas itself profusely decorated with everything that the fertile brain of Santa Clause could invent with which to celebrate his great day.

The interior of the store was hung with cedar and in the center stood a Christmas tree laden with choice Christmas presents.

Last night the scene was even more magnificent. Wax candles in miniature shone brightly from an hundred different points. In the front window stood a large, fine wax doll which is to be made a Christmas present to some lucky person.

The display was enough to convince that anything in the line of Christmas novelties can be had at the Johnson City Novelty and Notion Store on East Market street.

Don't forget to attend Rose Osborne.

Republicans Take Notice.

By invitation of the Lincoln Republican Club, of Johnson City, the Hon. A. A. Taylor will address them, and all Republicans of the district, on the great political issues of the day, at Jobe's opera house in Johnson City on Dec. 5, 1891. Let every Republican turn out at 7 o'clock p. m., Saturday the 5th day of Dec., 1891. n26-29-d35

Episcopal Church--St. Marys Mission.

Thanksgiving Day—A special service will be held at the Mission at half past 10 o'clock this morning. All are cordially invited to participate.

WM. G. WELLS, Missionary.
HENRY C. AMOS, Lay Reader.

COMET SCINTILLATIONS.

Thousands of turkeys were picked yesterday; they will be snowed under today.

The granolithic walks around Gen. Wilder's new building in Carnegie are being laid.

After a day of thanks and pleasure it will be diversion to hear Rose Osborne at the opera house tonight.

Miss Eliza Cooper, of near Rose Hill, in Unicoi county, died Tuesday. The undertaking was in charge of Boring & Co.

Robert Mason is getting his new grocery store opened in Carnegie. He will soon be ready to supply customers with anything in his line.

National Thanksgiving day this. The turkey is before. Eat hearty, grow fat and enjoy yourself. There is no better way to get in a thankful mood.

There will be services at the M. E. Church, South this morning at 10:30 o'clock. It is the great national Thanksgiving day, and the pastor is anxious that there be a full attendance.

The case of John Hall, charged with fraudulent breach of trust, came up before Judge Hart yesterday and for lack of evidence was dismissed, Chas. Peterson, the prosecutor being charged with the costs.

Rose Osborne tonight; secure your seats early.